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**To:** Tomiak, Robert [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e43d67fe354a4d06be80afa6eb65e614-Tomiak, Rob]; Johnson, Kathleen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d36de0cd8ee14ff6a6aa2f1df9b159f6-KJOHNS05]  
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**Subject:** RE: R9 weekly report

I suggest involving the Water programs (Tomas Torres, Jason Brush) after this week's Rosemont meeting, when new info is available. I don't need to be part of that update.

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**From:** Tomiak, Robert  
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**To:** Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>; Cozad, David <Cozad.David@epa.gov>  
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Alexis/Kathleen,

~~Thanks for sharing the update. I think we can staff like representatives for this. The idea is to have a good understanding of the~~

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Larry and I think it would be helpful for a quick coordination call on this. What is your availability today?

Thanks, Rob

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**From:** Strauss, Alexis  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 12:06 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Tomiak, Robert <tomiak.robert@epa.gov>; Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** R9 weekly report

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**From:** Strauss, Alexis  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 5:08 PM  
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## HOT ISSUES

1. SAN DIEGO / TIJUANA SEWAGE SPILL: (FYI) next Wednesday, April 19, federal and state agency

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2. ROSEMONT (AZ) COPPER MINE: (FYI) next Tuesday, April 18 in Phoenix, EPA will join the US Forest Service and the Corps of Engineers to discuss water quality and other issues related to the proposed Rosemont copper mine, which we have reviewed under NEPA and CWA. The Forest Service will issue its Record of Decision in May, the Corps its CWA 404 decision some time thereafter. CEQ has been coordinating the multi-agency engagement. I attach a one-page briefing paper and will update Ken W, OW and OECA when EPA decision time nears.

## KEY DECISIONS/ACTIONS: (FYI, no Administrator action sought)

1. AQUIFER EXEMPTION (SDWA UIC), KERN COUNTY, CA: next week I'll approve the State of California's request for expansion of an existing SDWA aquifer exemption in the Mt. Poso oil field (Kern County).

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2. APPROVE ARIZONA REGIONAL HAZE SIP: next week I plan to sign a Federal Register notice approving the Arizona Regional Haze State Implementation Plan. This action provides an alternative to best

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3. COACHELLA OZONE: next week I plan to sign a Federal Register notice giving final approval of the Coachella Valley (So. California) plan to attain the 1997 ozone standard.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST WEEK

1. PBF REFINERY (CAA 112r): following our issuance of our CAA 112 r Notice of Findings, we met this week

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2. BAY AREA EMISSIONS BANKING RULE: we received an extension of the consent decree deadline from

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3. Thanks to Ken Wagner for a very pleasant and informative visit last Tuesday. We covered many topics and set the agenda for his return. All our materials are on the ORO sharepoint site.

## PUBLIC EVENTS

**Brownfields / City of Phoenix, AZ: (FYI)** on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we'll participate in two Brownfield events in Phoenix, to celebrate completion of 171,640 sq ft industrial warehouse space on a 10-acre brownfields property where the Phoenix Police Department leases 43,200 sq ft . EPA provided \$350K in 2000, working with partners (AZ Dept.of Environmental Quality, the City of Phoenix, and private industry) to remove over 6,000 tons of waste from an abandoned metal salvage yard in this EJ community. The second event will celebrate the completion of the Quincea Working Group Food Hub, which will provide a significant influx of freshly harvested food products into the South Phoenix community, a USDA-designated Food Desert. Quincea will educate and train community members on nutrition and cooking via a demonstration farm, a food hub, and a farm stand where products will be sold and SNAP payment accepted. Agricultural vocational training, employment opportunities, and entrepreneurial mentorship will be provided to developmentally disabled adults and veterans. The City of Phoenix used \$24K of EPA Brownfields grant funding to complete this project.

**Brownfields / City of National City, CA: (FYI)** on April 18, we'll attend a community event to celebrate transforming a former brownfield site into homes for hundreds of families, while protecting a nearby wetland and creating a new park. The City used a \$400,000 USEPA brownfields grant to assist with the remediation, adding over \$21M in redevelopment funds and leveraging an additional \$60M in State and other funds to complete the project. The project marks one of the largest investments and most significant increases in residential use in the City. We'll give you ample notice of an event next year: groundbreaking for the new park.

Kind regards,  
Alexis

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